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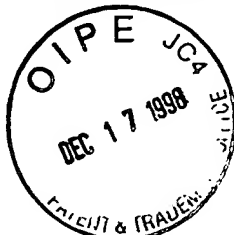
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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated **September 29, 1998**, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 16 and 19 as follows:

16 (Amended) A method of pre-treating, prior to bleaching with peroxide,  
cellulose pulp, to improve bleachability of the pulp, using an acid tower, and a tower in  
a second treatment stage, comprising the steps of substantially sequentially:

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acid, sulfuric acid, hydrochloric acid or another acid which does not contain oxidizing  
perhydroxyl ions;

(b) feeding the pulp to the acid tower;

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